

November 21, 2000

Dear Carrier:

This letter serves as notice that the General Services Administration (GSA) is amending its Request for Offers (RFO) and Special Filing Instructions (SFI) dated May 23, 2000. This RFO and its SFI requested the submission of rate offers for numerous National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) Work Centers. The purpose of this amendment is to include a Supplemental Filing Window provision.

Enclosed is the amended Page 1 of the original RFO and its SFI. All changes are indicated in bold. In addition to the amended Page 1, all references to the date of August 1, 2000, in Section 7, Format Requirements for the Submission of Electronic Rate Offers, should be changed to show an effective date of March 1, 2001, to coincide with the Supplemental Filing Window. All other terms and conditions of the original RFO, its SFI, and the cover letter will apply as stated.

Rate offers submitted in accordance with the Supplemental Filing Window are due by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, January 8, 2001. All acceptable rate offers submitted by the due date will become effective March 1, 2001, and will automatically expire October 31, 2001.

Please note that those carriers that submitted acceptable rate offers under the original RFO and its SFI for an effective date of August 1, 2000, DO NOT need to resubmit their rate offers under this Supplemental Filing Window unless they want to make changes, additions, or deletions.

If you have any questions regarding the original RFO and its SFI or this amendment, please contact Robyn Bennett at (816) 823-3646 or via e-mail at robyn.bennett@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ed Hodges, Director
Property & Traffic Management Division (6FBD)

Enclosure

SPECIAL FILING INSTRUCTIONS 2000 - 2001 FILING CYCLE

SECTION 1 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1-1. GENERAL: The following Request and its Special Filing Instructions (SFI) are provided in addition to the terms and conditions of the General Services Administration's (GSA's) Standard Tender of Service (STOS), General Freight Traffic Management Program, GSA General Freight Tender of Service No. 1-F (GSA TOS No. 1-F), supplements and reissues thereto. However, certain provisions and requirements of this Request and its SFI may deviate from and supersede those published in the STOS, GSA TOS No. 1-F.

Traffic to be included under this Request and its SFI will be freight-all-kinds (FAK) shipments moving via closed van for all less than truckload (LTL) (0 pounds to 10,000 pounds) shipments and all truckload (TL) (20,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds and over) shipments. Rates will be applicable only to interstate shipments moving in the Continental United States (CONUS) and the identified intrastate shipments within CONUS. Rate offers will only be accepted for:

The National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) Work Centers as identified in Section 6, Paragraph 6-1.B.

1-2. EFFECTIVE PERIOD: Except as otherwise provided herein, rate offers made in response to this Request and its SFI will be for the period the period August 1, 2000, through October 31, 2001.

1-3. SUBMISSION OF RATE OFFERS: Rates offered in response to this Request and its SFI MUST be submitted via the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) of the Internet (I-FTP) in accordance with Sections 6, 7, and 8.

1-4. FILING PERIOD:

A.1. INITIAL FILINGS: Rate offers made by those firms approved to participate in GSA's Freight Management Program are due by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, June 19, 2000, and will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 1-4.C., below.

A.2. SUPPLEMENTAL FILINGS: Firms may submit Supplemental Filings between November 21, 2000, and January 8, 2001. A Supplemental Filing Window has been established to review and process changes to a firm's originally accepted rate offer (i.e. to change territorial coverage, to change offered rates, to change an offer made on the required item percentages for accessorial services, to submit a new rate offer, and/or to add newly approved underlying carriers) and to receive new rate offers. Rate offers submitted in accordance with the Supplemental Filing Window must be strictly adhered to.

B. REFILINGS OF ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED FILING DEFICIENCIES: Electronic rate filings received between May 22, 2000, and June 19, 2000, for Initial Filings and between November 21, 2000, and January 8, 2001, for Supplemental Filings which do not meet the requirements as stated in this Request and its SFI will be considered unacceptable, rates will not be included in the data base, and the firm will be notified of the deficiencies by GSA's Heartland Zone Office by facsimile and/or telephone. If a firm's rate offer is submitted in accordance with this Request and its SFI by a Rate Filing Service Provider or a Tariff Publishing Agent, the Rate Filing Service Provider or the Tariff Publishing Agent will be notified of

the deficiencies and not the firm. Corrected rate offers must be resubmitted within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification. In those instances where corrections are not received within the ten (10) calendar days after notification, rate offers will be considered unacceptable and the firm will not be allowed to refile. Corrected rate offers received within the required ten (10) calendar days will be entered into the database effective August 1, 2000, **for Initial Filings and March 1, 2001, for Supplemental Filings.**

C. ACCEPTED/EFFECTIVE DATE: Initial rate offers allowable under Paragraph 1-4.A.1. will be processed by August 1, 2000, except in those instances of a failure to meet the resubmission requirements of corrected Rate Filing Deficiencies as identified in Paragraph 1-4.B. **Supplemental rate offers allowable under Paragraph 1-4.A.2. will be processed by March 1, 2001, except in those instances of a failure to meet the resubmission requirements of corrected Rate Filing Deficiencies as identified in Paragraph 1-4.B.**

D. CARRIER NOTIFICATIONS: If the submitting firm receives no communication from GSA pursuant to Paragraph 1-4.B. by August 1, 2000, **for Initial Filings or March 1, 2001, for Supplemental Filings**, the firm is on notice that its rate offer(s) has been accepted and transmitted to its designated Tariff Publishing Agent for publication, or in the absence of a designated Tariff Publishing Agent, its rate file(s) has been offered to GSA's Office of Transportation Audits.